

Garden Motif Influenced by Local Climate

In those parts of California where a semi-tropical climate is enjoyed through most of the year, many gardeners plant their grounds with a tropical motif in mind.

The Chinese Hibiscus or Rose of China (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*) is a beautiful tropical evergreen with blooms in shades of yellow, amber, rose, vermilion and white. It requires a frost free winter, full sun, regular watering and feeding and perhaps a summer mulch of leaf mold. A much harderier cousin to the Chinese Hibiscus is the rose, Mallow (*H. moscheutos*) which grows as a perennial, dying to the ground in winter to come back in the Spring. The hybrid rose Mallows are hardy in all areas of the state and produce large, beautifully colored white, pink, and red flowers. This Hibiscus performs best in hot situations—a warm corner or against a wall. Give rich soil and water enough to keep roots moist.

A tropical plant with striking blooms, the Bird-of-Paradise (*Strelitzia reginae*) makes a handsome planting in a tropical garden. In the coastal areas of the state, give it full sun; inland tend to light shade. The Bird-of-Paradise will reach five feet with gray green banana-like leaves and spectacular orange, blue and white flowers on stiff stems. These flowers bloom intermittently throughout the year and are long lasting in the garden as well as in cut arrangements.

Edible Fruit

The Strawberry Guava (*Psidium cattleianum*) is another shrub which produces an edible fruit commonly used for jams and jellies as well as eaten directly from the bush. It grows to a height of 4 or 5 feet and has a glossy, bronze-tipped foliage, and a white flower resembling those of common myrtle. The fruit is deep claret in color.

The Strawberry Guava is best suited to climates similar to that in which oranges thrive. Although it will tolerate a few degrees of frost, it will die when consistently exposed to frost conditions.

The Pineapple Guava (*Feijoa sellowiana*) is an attractive sub-tropical shrub that bears a small pear-shaped, green fruit excellent for canning. Like the Strawberry Guava it will tolerate a few degrees of frost but not as consistent climate diet. It has grey leaves and interesting red and grey flowers.

Citrus Varieties

Any article on plants which produce edible fruit would be incomplete without mention of the citrus varieties which thrive in California—particularly in the warmer areas. Available in both dwarf and full-sized forms citrus plants can be used to enhance limited spaces, or in small groves depending upon your situation. For best selection of the citrus

bearing fruit which will fit your need, consult your nurseryman.

As a large specimen plant the Abyssinian Banana (*Musa ensata*) is impressive. It is strictly ornamental and should be planted in a protected area. For rich fragrance in your tropical garden the Ginger Lily (*Hedychium*) is a perfect choice. As a tropical evergreen or herbaceous perennial it grows to eight feet or more with canna-like foliage and flowers of yellow, buff or white in dense spikes. The Ginger Lily prefers ample moisture, light shade (but full sun along the coast) and humus-rich soil.

Another type of ginger plant, the Shell Ginger (*Alpinia nutans*) also gives off a pleasing spicy fragrance. The Shell Ginger's orchid-like flowers bloom in mottled yellow and pink surrounded by tall, spired leaves.

Flowering Plant

Cannas are another flowering plant very suitable for tropical settings. And Aralias, also called *Fatsia japonica*, make lush, bold tropical plantings. They will grow from eight to 15 feet with large, glossy green leaves that are

Plans Set For Annual Picnic In Waleria

Proceeds from the annual Waleria Businessmen's Club's 1956 parade and picnic, set for Sept. 15, will go for the annual Christmas party for youngsters in that area, a group spokesman said this week.

The parade, featuring youngsters on decorated bicycles, will begin at 11 a.m. Route of the parade will be sometimes 16 inches wide. White flowers appear in December followed by shiny black fruits. Plant Aralias in the sun only in the fog belt. In the warmer areas plant in areas that are protected from mid-day sun. In either area, Aralias will grow in almost any type of soil. Thinning them often reveals interesting plant structure, suggests the California Association of Nurserymen.

The planting possibilities with these tropicals and evergreens are innumerable, and there are many other types of plants for striking tropical settings all available at local nurseries for those interested in tropical gardens.

along Newton St., from the Pacific Coast Highway triangle down Hawthorne Blvd. to 242nd St. It will end at Waleria Park.

Prizes for the best decorated bicycles will go to the top entries.

Appearance of "Goo Goo" the clown, now appearing at a Hollywood nightclub, at the picnic also has been scheduled. Games, food and other entertainment has been planned for picnic attendees. Committee members for the club are Frank Fisher, Nin Wood, Virgil Hancock, Lloyd Harline, Robert Sleeth, John Chaudano, R. E. Waegner and Dale Wands.

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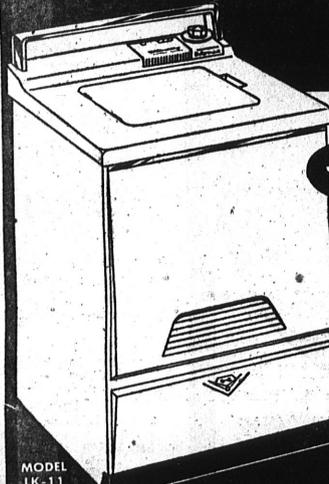
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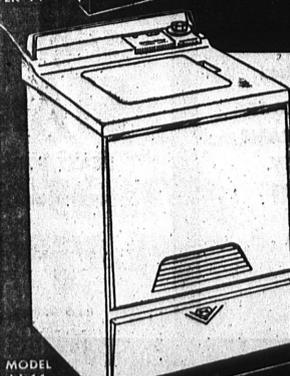
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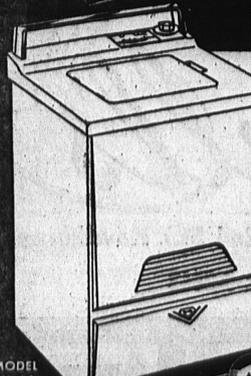
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